

rather than halting or delaying progression of the disease itself or providing a cure. This form of medicine allows seriously and terminally ill patients comfort and relief from the pain of their disease. Palliative care educates the patient on symptom management, provides information about their illness, communicates with the patient and their families about their disease and provides them with emotional and spiritual support. Dr. Jones has served as the Hospice Medical Director and Ethics Chair of Saint Agnes Medical Center. She is a past president of the Fresno Madera Medical Society. She has developed an obesity prevention toolkit for medical providers through the California Medical Association and has been an advocate for cleaning the air throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Dr. Jones has also served as Chair of the Fresno Unified School District Wellness Policy and was a board member of the Central California Blood Center.

Dr. Jones has been a tireless advocate for accessible healthcare particularly in West Fresno. Through various faith-based and community organizations she has assisted in promoting the awareness, prevention, and care of breast cancer. She is a strong believer that proper education and awareness in disease prevention is the key to keeping the residents of Fresno County healthy. Dr. Jones credits her success to her parents' guidance. The family motto growing up was "Keep it real, roll up your sleeves and get it done." She has held that motto close to her heart.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Helen Jones upon being awarded with the "Community Health Champions Award". I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Jones many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding religious institution, St. Bonaventure Parish in Paterson, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 130th Anniversary of dedicated service to its parishioners, and by extension, the greater community.

It is only fitting that St. Bonaventure Parish be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for all the spiritual home it has provided to American families, especially those just embarking on their path to the American dream, and the dedication to the entire community that helps keep this deeply rooted parish family growing towards the future.

St. Bonaventure Parish was founded in 1876 by a group of six Franciscans who had been expelled from Prussia by Otto Von Bismarck. They came to the United States and asked Bishop Michael Corrigan of Newark for a place to live and minister. Just then, a group of Carmelite priests who had been displaced from Bavaria returned to their homeland, leaving a partially constructed monastery on

Ramsey Street in Paterson. The Franciscans moved to the building and in 1877 the bishop elevated the church to parish status. Soon the monastery was completed and the religious community built a parish church. St. Bonaventure's was the area's first Franciscan community, and served for many years as its center of activity. The monastery functioned as a seminary, a novitiate, a retreat house and a motherhouse of the Holy Name Province, established in 1901. Thousands received the Franciscan habit here and began their period of initiation into religious life.

From St. Bonaventure's, the Franciscans established dozens of missions and parishes in New Jersey and throughout the Eastern United States. Many others who studied at the monastery went on to serve abroad. The monastery once operated St. Anthony's Guild, which published countless books and pamphlets here before its move to New York City.

The parish has built its tradition by giving its parishioners spiritual roots in their neighborhood, providing a deep sense of community to those who have grown in the church, receiving their sacraments there, as well as welcoming newcomers to the surrounding area. The St. Bonaventure's parish family has expanded throughout the years to include many parishioners who have moved out of the neighborhood, but return with their families to worship at the parish. Building on its legacy, it is looking to reach out to some of the newest residents around the parish, many of whom are from Central and South America, and just beginning their American journeys.

They are seeking as they move into the future to see more parishioners young and old become involved in the church's ministries that reach not only their faith community but the greater Paterson region. I am certain that St. Bonaventure's will continue to thrive and enrich not only those who worship there but so many others in need throughout the area.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of wonderful, thriving community like St. Bonaventure Parish.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join all of the parishioners and clergy of St. Bonaventure Parish, all those whose faith has been enriched throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of St. Bonaventure Parish to the church community and beyond.

HONORING KENANIAH THOMAS REISER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kenaniah Thomas Reiser of Farley, Missouri. Kenaniah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1028, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kenaniah has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities.

Over the many years Kenaniah has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kenaniah Thomas Reiser for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOYCE SANDERS UPON HER RETIREMENT AS PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER OF EMBARQ CORPORATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joyce Sanders, who is retiring as Public Relations Manager of EMBARQ Corporation. Ms. Sanders has played a vital role in the community service organizations of Northwest Florida, and I am honored to recognize her achievements.

Joyce Sanders moved to Northwest Florida in 1993, and she has been a community leader ever since. Her local leadership includes serving on the Board of Directors of the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trustees of the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council, and the Board of Directors of the Walton County Economic Development Council. Ms. Sanders is actively involved with the United Way of Okaloosa County and the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program. She has been a mentor to numerous young women across Northwest Florida by working with the University of West Florida Small Business Development Center. Through EMBARQ, Ms. Sanders provides numerous scholarships to the UWF Women in Business Seminar and to underprivileged students at Northwest Florida State College.

Ms. Sanders' commitment to service can be seen through her numerous awards, including her selection in 1998 as Honorary Commander for the Eglin Air Force Base 33 Fighter Wing Program. This award recognizes the value of military and civilian partnerships, a fundamental component of Northwest Florida. Awards alone, however, cannot describe the true value of Ms. Sanders' service to our area. In the aftermath of natural disasters Hurricane Opal and Hurricane Ivan, Ms. Sanders used her position at EMBARQ to place mobile telephone trailers throughout the affected regions so those displaced from their homes could contact their families and friends. Her courage in the face of these disasters exemplifies Ms. Sanders' devotion to the people of our community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to thank Joyce Sanders for her years of public service to the community of Northwest Florida. Vicki and I wish her and her family best wishes for continued success.